

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) ~~A method of playing a card game, the method comprising the steps of:~~ The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of biasing a deck of cards comprises:

randomly assigning a deviation multiplier to players in the card game;
randomly selecting an initial single hand rank, the initial single hand rank is utilized, along with the deviation multiplier, to determine a range of possible hand rankings for each of the players in the card game, each player is assigned a hand rank within the range of possible hand rankings;
randomly selecting a base number from the range of possible hand rankings; and
assigning a hand rank to the each of the players in the game, where the hand rank is determined using the base number.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 3~~ claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

discarding a selected number of cards;
replacing the discarded cards; and
determining the winner of the game based on the player with the highest ranking hand.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the card game is five card stud.

7. (canceled)

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein 5 cards are initially dealt to each player.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the range is determined by a formula, wherein the formula is $(10 \times \text{the deviation multiplier}) \times 2$.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein a random number is selected from

between 0 and the formula.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the base number is the random number plus the initial single hand rank.

13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the hand rank of each of the players is determined by subtracting (10 x deviation multiplier) from the base number.

14. (canceled)

15. (original) A method of playing a card game, the method comprising the steps of:
biasing a deck of cards so each hand dealt to each player in the game is close in rank; and

dealing the each hand to the each player creating a competitive game; and
playing the game.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein the each player is assigned a different hand ranking.

17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein a winning hand is determined by the highest ranking hand.

18. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

(a) dealing the cards to the players face down;

(b) displaying a card for the each of the players, the each of the players choosing to either bet or fold the hand;

(c) displaying another card for the each of the players, the each of the players choosing to either bet or fold the hand;

(d) repeating step (c) for each additional player in the game; and

(e) determining the highest ranking hand using all the displayed cards of the players who have not folded.

19. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of providing a video display in which to display each hand of the players.